

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO. _____ DATE _____

APPROVED _____ MAYOR

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTINGENT
FEE LEGAL RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR LITIGATION REGARDING AQUEOUS
FILM-FORMING FOAMS, PFAS AND OTHER HAZARDOUS WATER
CONTAMINANTS**

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Charter, Article I, Section 1-2 and R.I.G.L. § 45-15-1, the inhabitants of the city shall continue to be a body corporate and politic and may, in their corporate name, sue and be sued, prosecute and defend, in any court and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Charter, Article I, Section 1-3 the City Council is empowered to grant the Mayor authority to enter the City or a body thereof as a party to a lawsuit by resolution; and

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Council’s attention by the City Solicitor that the City has reason to explore the potential for the City of Warwick to enter as a plaintiff in multidistrict litigation currently pending regarding potential contamination of water supplies by aqueous film-forming foams, any per- and polyfluoroalkyls substances (PFAS), and other hazardous water contaminants; and

WHEREAS, counsel may be retained on a contingent fee basis to investigate and prosecute any potential causes of action identified at no cost to the City of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council desires to retain counsel to pursue such investigation, assessment, and potential litigation regarding any injuries and or property damages suffered by the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warwick City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Warwick to enter into a contingent fee legal retainer agreement for investigation, assessment and potential litigation regarding any injuries or damages suffered by the City regarding aqueous film-forming foams, per- and polyfluoroalkyls substances (PFAS), and other hazardous water contaminants.

1 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and
2 the City Solicitor.

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4 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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7 SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCALLISTER
8 ON BEHALF OF MAYOR PICOZZI

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10 COMMITTEE: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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